THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) It is not a fact that only one research vessel is utilised for diverse survey activities. ORV Sagar Kanya, a research vessel of Department of Ocean Development, carries out survey work as per the approved programme of Cruise Plannng Committee of the Department in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Country. Besides this, GSI is having three research vessels for the survey in the Exclusive Economic Zone of India The annual programme of survey activity is examined and finalised by a sub-Committee constituted by the Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, and the same is approved by a full Committee of the Central Geological Programming Board chaired by Secrtetary, Mines.

(f) It is not a fact. Other survey works are going on according to approved schedules.

Survey of coastal zone resources

1477. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey of the coastal zone resources has been completed ;

(b) if not, to what extent it has been made ;

(c) what are the major coastal zone resources of our country ;

(d) what are their economic implications and

(e) what are the environmental implications of their mining ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) A preliminary survey of resources in the coastal zone has been completed. Detailed survey of coastal resources is in progress.

(c) The fishery resources include fin fishes, prawns and mussels. The mineral resources include the following :

(1) Inmenite
(2) Rutile
(3) Leucoxene
(4) Zircon
(5) Monazite
(6) Garnet
(7) Sillimanite

(d) The fishery resources in the coastal area up to 50 metres depth are being fully exploited. The fishery resources beyond 50 metres depth are under-exploited. Location of fishing groups beyond 50 metres depth in the surveys conducted will help in increased fish production and also reduce the dependence on these resources in the waters below 50 metres depth. As far as minerals are concerned, as similar minerals are available on land also, the economic implications of exploitation of offshore minerals will be evaluated after complete assessment of these resources.

(e) Environmental impact assessment studies will be conducted while taking up projects for expoitation of minerals in the sea.

Training to civil servants and executives of PSUs

1478. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to revived its policy for providing trainting to the Civil servants and to the executives of the PSUs ;

(b) if so, what necessary amendments are being made in this regard ;

(c) whether the Finance Minister has discussed the outline of the change at a recent meeting of the Chief Secretaries of various States and UTs ;

(d) if so, whether the Minister of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions has asked for status report on each administrative institute ;

(e) if so, whether this will be discussed at a higher level meeting called by the Minister ;

(f) if so, whether any concrete proposal in this regard has been worked out ; and

(g) if so, the details of the same ?